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Earlier this year, Assembly Bill 323 (Chesbro) was introduced, and if enacted would eliminate the recycling credit for green waste used as alternative daily cover at landfills. Currently, State law provides jurisdictions with recycling credit for the use of green waste as daily cover at landfills. Cities and the County depend on this credit to manage their green waste and comply with the State’s waste reduction mandate. Also, the Bill would require all large-quantity organics generators to arrange for separate organics collection and recycling services and encourage the use of residual fines from materials recovery facilities and composting operations as alternative daily cover.

Many cities in the County are very concerned about these provisions. If the recycling credit is eliminated, some jurisdictions may fall out of compliance with the State’s waste reduction mandate and be subject to fines up to \$10,000 per day. Also, requiring a new, separate collection and recycling infrastructure for organics would create additional traffic and significantly increase costs for businesses and residents throughout the County.

Lastly, the use of residual fines as daily cover may impact air quality and the health of residents living in the vicinity of landfills. As proposed, AB 323 would infringe upon local decision-making authority by dictating how waste collection services are to be provided and preventing jurisdictions from restricting the use of residual fines at landfills.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors oppose AB 323, and direct our Sacramento advocates to communicate this position to the Governor and State Legislature.

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